



## Ophthalmology Referrals

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Ida graduated from Bristol University Veterinary School in 1995. She sat further professional examinations in 2001 when she obtained the Royal College Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology.

She now works nearly exclusively with ophthalmic referrals and provides a clinic for ophthalmic cases at the Macqueen Veterinary Centre on Mondays and alternate Thursdays.

We co-operate closely with your vet and report via email/fax and written letters.

## What will happen?

Your first consultation will usually last 40-60 minutes and subsequent consultations 15-30 minutes, depending on the examination or procedure required.

A complete ophthalmic examination will be performed using specialised equipment to examine the front and back of the eye.



Intraocular pressure measurements are performed using a tonometer and a gonioscope lens is used to examine the eye's drainage apparatus to help diagnose glaucoma. The pupils are normally dilated to allow a full examination of the lens and retina; this takes about 20 minutes.

Ultrasound can be used to check for intraocular problems such as retinal detachment & tumours, and can also be used to examine tissues behind the eye. Cataracts are assessed for their suitability for surgery.

Surgery can be arranged with Ida in Swindon and most post-op care can be provided in Devizes, if more convenient.

It is helpful if your pet can arrive 6-hours' starved in case sedation or anaesthesia is required (they can drink water).

We look forward to seeing you and your pet and will endeavour to make it as stress-free and comfortable as possible.

## **Continuity of Care**

Continuity of care is a very important part of the service that we offer at Macqueen's. We will work closely with your own vet to provide the best possible care for your pet.

- Your vet will receive a detailed report after your visit.
- Your pet remains under the care of your own vet, while I will support the clinical team at your practice with specialised advice as needed.

If you have any questions beforehand, please call us on **01380 728505** and we will be happy to help.



